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APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 2392, asked by Sri M. S. Selvarajan, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 15th December 1961, page 975 supra.]

It has been reported that some of the Tambaraparni channels have not been designed properly and adequate supplies do not reach the tail end on account of larger and disproportionate supplies drawn in the higher reaches.

With a view to improve the working of the system, remodelling of the nine channels has been taken up for consideration. The present stage in regard to each channel is indicated below:—

Name.	Estimated cost of remodelling in lakhs.	Present stage.
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1 North Kodamelalagian channel.	1.43	.. Estimates have been prepared and are under scrutiny by the Public Works Department officers.
2 South Kodamelalagian channel.	0.48	
3 Nathiyuuni channel.	1.14	
4 Kannadian channel.	7.72	
5 Kodagan channel.	5.60	
Total	16.37	
6 Palaya n channel	..	Under investigation.
7 Marudur Melakkal	..	Under investigation.
8 Marudhur Keelakkal	..	Under investigation.
9 Tirunelveli channel	..	Remodelling will be taken up along with the execution of the above eight channels.

APPENDIX VII.

[Vide answer to clause @ to Starred Question No. 2396, asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 15th December 1961, page 978 supra.]

A long range scheme of free distribution of skimmed milk to children including those of pre-school age between three years and six years has been functioning in this State since, 1950. At present, skim milk is distributed to these children through the Maternity and Child Health Centres and Primary Health Centres and through the Hospitals provided with paediatrics divisions. The skim milk power required for this scheme is donated by the UNICEF has donated a total quantity of 15 lakhs pounds of skim powder for distribution to the malnourished children and mothers in this State. Under this Scheme, approximately 36,000 children under 12 years are receiving eight ozs. of liquid skim milk daily (at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of skim milk powder dissolved in 8 ozs. of water per child per day).

Besides distribution of skimmed milk, deserving children attending the Maternal and Child Health centres and Primary Health Centres are given food supplements, viz., fish liver oil capsules, Calcium tables, iron tablets, vitamin tablets, etc., for correcting specific nutritional deficiencies. A proposal for the distribution of multi-purchase food with good protein ingredients to the pre-school children is also under consideration towards combating protein malnutrition among them.